

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Koichi WATANABE et al.

Title: SPUTTERING TARGET

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete claims 2 and 19 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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